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SUBJ: COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT IN RETROSPECT

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1. USINT WISHES GO ON RECORD COMPLIMENTING AMBASSY COLOMBO AND AD HOC GROUP SENT SRI LANKA FROM USUN ON VOLUME, SELECTIVITY AND TIMELINESS OF REPORTING ON COLOMBO SUMMIT. OUR POL AND E-C OFFICERS POURED OVER EVERY WORD AND FOUND POST'S REPORTING MOST HELPFUL.

2. USINT SEES IRAQI PARTICIPATION ON NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AS GENERALLY TENDING TO MODERATE LATENT BAATH PARTY REGIME DOCTRINAIRE, REVOLUTIONARY BIAS TOWARD QADHAFI STYLE HELL-RAISING AND DESTABILIZATION OF ANY MORE CONSERVATIVE, LESS THAN ARDENTLY PAN ARAB REGIMES. IRAQIS HAVE CLEARLY DECIDED THEY WANT TO "COUNT
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FOR SOMETHING" WITHIN NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. IRAQIS DO NOT WANT

TO BE ISOLATED, BUT TO BE CONSIDERED IN THIS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA AS STATESMANLIKE AND RATIONAL. ALTHOUGH THEIR RHETORIC STILL CONTAINS CONTINUAL PROFESSIONS OF ADMIRATION FOR U.S.S.R. AND "SOCIALIST CAMP", BAATH PARTY IS NOT RPT NOT REALLY AT EASE WITH IRAQI COMMUNIST PARTY. AND FOR ALL THE SMOKE SCREENS, IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT IRAQ IS IN FACT BECOMING MORE MODERATE.

3. PLEASE KEEP USINT INFORMED IF DEPARTMENT DOES A WRAP-UP ASSESSMENT OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE "CORE GROUP" APPROACH TO COLOMBO ON THE ISSUE OF KOREA. AS REPORTED REFS. A AND B, A UNIFIED APPROACH WAS NOT RPT NOT ATTEMPTED IN BAGHDAD-- ALTHOUGH DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS CONCERNED EXCHANGED VIEWS BOTH IN ONE GROUP MEETING AND IN SEVERAL BILATERAL CONTACTS. CORE GROUP CONCEPT APPEARS WORKABLE APPROACH TO MULTILATERAL ISSUES OF CONCERN TO USG, AND WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO LEARN EXPERIENCE OF OTHER POSTS IN MAKING IT WORK.
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